APOCALYPTIC HORSEPLAY

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AFTER THE EVENTS OF READING, AND ONCE EVERYONE KNEW THE TRUTH ABOUT GRAND MASTER OZZAM, THE HIGH COUNCILOR LOST BOTH HIS TITLE AND CREDIBILITY.

WITHIN A YEAR, THE COUNCIL WAS ENTIRELY DISAVOWED BY THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

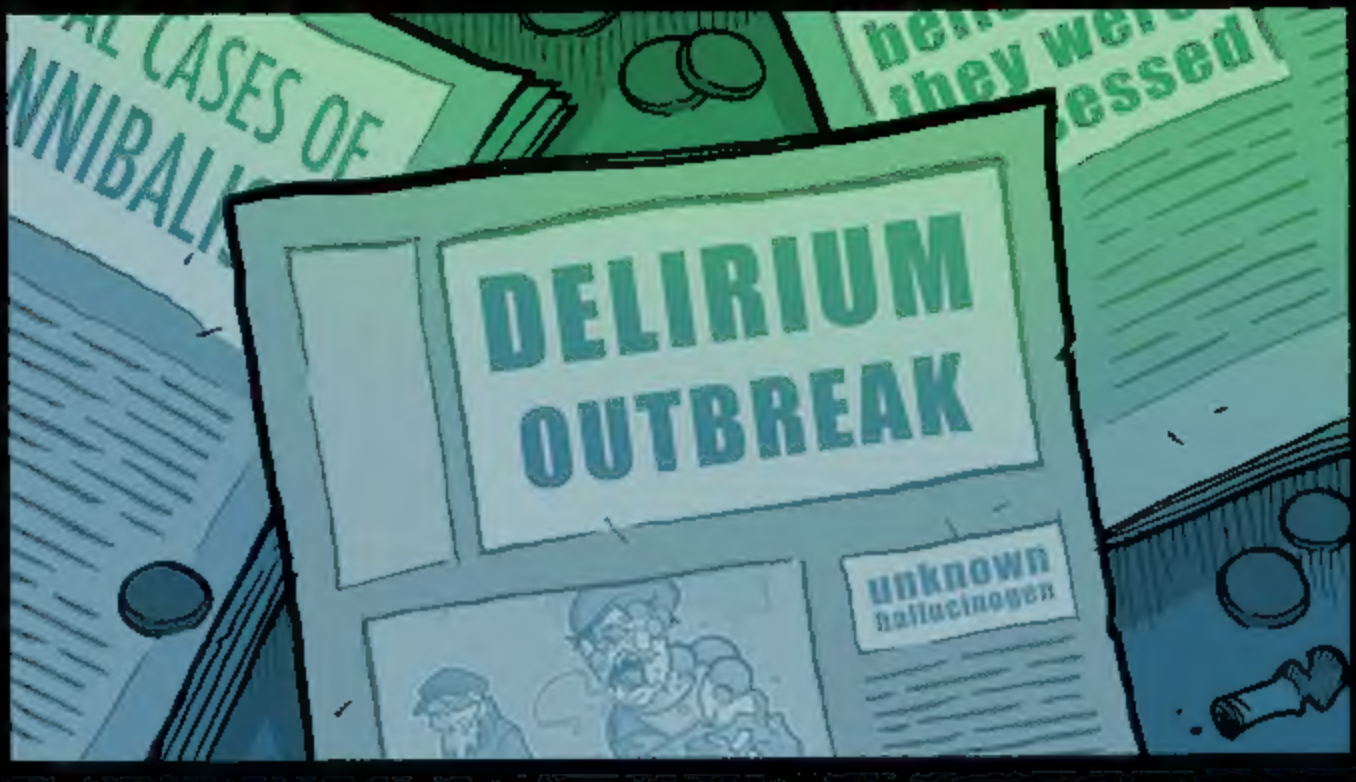
MANY OF US FEARED THE WORST. BUT AS IT TURNED OUT, NEARLY ALL SUPERNATURAL ACTIVITIES RECEDED AFTER THE ANTICHRIST WENT BACK INTO HIDING.

IF THE CHILD'S SOLE EXISTENCE HAD INDEED BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR PROLIFERATION, IT SEEMED CLEAR TO ALL THAT SHE NO LONGER WAS.

OR NO LONGER CHOSE TO BE.

AS WE NOW KNOW, NONE OF THE EFFECTS OF THE SEALS WERE PERCEIVED OUTSIDE OF ENGLAND, WHICH LED MANY TO QUESTION THE REALITY OF WHAT HAD TRANSPIRED THAT DAY.

RATHER THAN TO STRUGGLE WITH THEIR UNCERTAINTY, THE CHURCH'S LEADERSHIP EVENTUALLY CHOSE TO CLOSE ALL INVESTIGATIONS.



THE VIOLENCE AND HYSTERIA WERE BLAMED ON PATHOGENS STOLEN FROM THE CDC.

INTERESTINGLY ENOUGH, I HEARD ANOTHER CDC FACILITY SUFFERED A BREAK-IN AS WELL IN THE DAYS THAT FOLLOWED.

ONCE AGAIN, NO DEMAND OF ANY KIND.

THE AUTHORITIES HAD NO LEAD.

THE CRANIUM OF ST SEBASTIAN WAS RETURNED TO MY CHURCH IN BAVARIA.

DESPITE MY BEST EFFORTS, THE GOLDEN LAYERS REMAIN TO THIS DAY.*

*: SERIOUSLY. YOU CAN GO CHECK IT OUT YOURSELF

AS FOR THE STAFF OF MAURETANIA ...
NO ONE SEEMS TO KNOW WHERE IT WENT.
I DON'T SUPPOSE YOU HAVE IT?

NO.

BUT I KNOW WHO DOES.

OH, I SEE.

DEATH HELD ONTO IT THEN.

HE DOESN'T GO BY THAT NAME ANYMORE.
NONE OF THEM DO.

ARE ZEY
...
DO ZEY LIVE HERE AS VELL?
WHY DO YOU BLOODY WANT TO KNOW?
IT'S ALRIGHT BETTY. THEY'RE JUST CURIOUS.

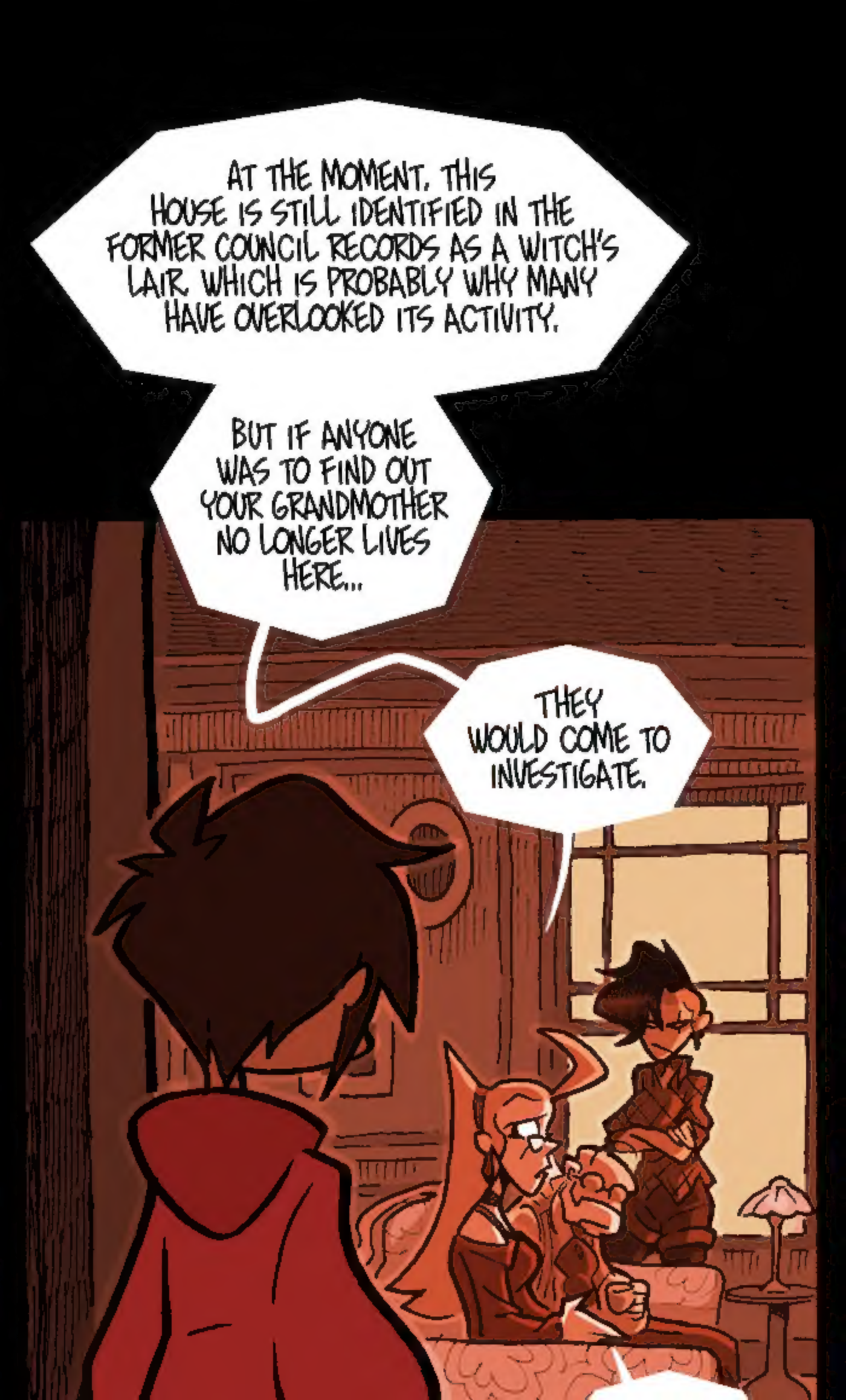
BUT I'M CURIOUS TOO.
WHY DID YOU COME HERE?
YOU KNEW YOU WOULDN'T BE WELCOME, SO WHY TAKE THE RISK?

YES, I WAS GETTING TO THAT.
THERE IS A REASON I ASKED ABOUT THE STAFF.
YOU SEE, WHILE BEING USED, THESE ARTIFACTS CAN EMIT A SMALL BUT DETECTABLE TRACE OF MAGICAL ENERGY.

NORMALLY, IT'S QUITE NEGLIGIBLE, BUT PAIRED WITH THE ANTICHRIST'S ENHANCING POWERS...
RIGHT. BUT LIKE I SAID. WE DIDN'T KEEP THE STAFF.
PERHAPS, BUT YOU DID KEEP SOMETHING.
AND IT IS BEING USED ON A REGULAR BASIS.
AT THIS RATE, SOMEONE IS BOUND TO NOTICE.

SOMEONE BESIDES US, THAT IS.
VE CREATED OUR OWN ORGANIZATION, YU ZEE.
ZE ORDER OF SAINT MATTHEW.

OUR PURPOSE IZ UNT LITTLE DIFFERENT THAN ZE COUNCIL, IN ZE SENSE THAT VE NOW HARBOR SUPERNATURAL ENTITIES INSTEAD OF HUNTING ZEM.
MANY OF MY FORMER CUZTOMERS VELCOMED ZE CHANGE.


AT THE MOMENT, THIS HOUSE IS STILL IDENTIFIED IN THE FORMER COUNCIL RECORDS AS A WITCH'S LAIR. WHICH IS PROBABLY WHY MANY HAVE OVERLOOKED ITS ACTIVITY.
BUT IF ANYONE WAS TO FIND OUT YOUR GRANDMOTHER NO LONGER LIVES HERE...
THEY WOULD COME TO INVESTIGATE.

AND THEY WOULD FIND THE CHILD.
SERIOUSLY. WHEN ARE YOU GONNA STOP CALLING ME THAT?

I'M NOT A CHILD ANYMORE.

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